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1. At a "seminar" of the BGL chairman of VEBs under the IG-Metall union of the FDGB, held in East Berlin it was announced that the Kampfgruppen of the East German VEBs would march, with weapons and uniforms, at the head of the May-Day parade in East Berlin.<sup>1</sup>
2. Party members and "progressive workers" in Berlin-Friedrichshain have been asked to invite workers from Wedding and Wilmersdorf to East Berlin for agitation purposes on 1 May 1955. Delegations of workers from East Berlin are to be sent to plants in Wedding and Wilmersdorf.
3. [REDACTED] personnel of the Soviet Army are to be invited to attend celebrations in the plants on the eve of May Day.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment: This plan could be an attempt by the SED to improve the morale of the Kampfgruppen. It is possible that the SED believes the uniforms will attract workers to join the Kampfgruppen. [REDACTED] armed contingents will participate in the celebration of May Day.

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